Providence August 28th. 1780

Dear Friend,

I receivd. your letter a long time since, and am ashamed not to have answered it till now. Your Brother went out of town sooner than expected, and without calling upon me; so that I had not ye Opportunity of writing then, and since I have fruitlessly sought one. I was at your Brother's last evening, and Mrs Foster mentioned that a Gentleman belonging to Brookfield had been there, and wou'd set out from thence on his return to-day. He had informed that your Bro: Pere: is married; and that Theoph: has another son. I sincerely wish them all ye felicity that can possibly attend such interesting incidents of our Lives; and expect to hear ere long, that my Friend Strephon has found some amiable Florella, on the soft junction with whom, I may felicitate him.

You oblige me by so kindly interesting yourself in my affairs.- I was in Boston a few days after I receiv'd your Epistle, endeavouring to get a birth on board some Privateer or good Letter of marque; and had some ~~[illegible]~~ expectation of going in ye State Ship Mars; but believe she is not gone out yet: So I remain in ye same dull Business still.

Your Brother & I were in Newport last week to see the Fleet & Army of our great Ally. Breakfasted with Col. Fleury, who enquired particularly after you. He is an officer of ye Regt. de Saintonge. One evening we waited upon on Miſs Patience Church from ye Town to her Father's House, which suppose you ~~have~~ know is about two miles distant to the southward; in company with Monsr. de Lilly, a very worthy French Officer with whom we formed an acquaintance in the Latin-Tongue. He expreſses a particular regard for Miſs B—a, whom he has seen several times before; having stopt at their house in his perambulations, where he is much esteemed. They asked particularly after you; and Mrs Church observed that when last she saw you, your comelineſs had been increased; from the Sun's having looked upon you. I believe.

Miſs Sally tarries in this town yet with her Sister Checkley, who I suppose you have heard, has lost her Husband. — I too have lost a kind, indulgent Parent. — two months since he bid adieu to things terrene. Tho' he was old, and tottering beneath complicated infirmities, yet painful was the parting. — Nature would relunct. ———

Please to present my respects to your Mamma, and friendly regards to your Brothers.

I am, with Sentiments of cordial
Friendship yours
Solomon Drown

Should be glad to hear if Doctr. Rice has returned.

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I cannot willingly let this letter go without a remark upon your new Constitution. You mentioned you was going to attend a town-meeting called to act upon it. It seems ye major part of ye State has approbated. I have not seen but a small part of ye Constitutions; so cannot with any propriety judge of the whole: for, if ~~it~~ one might determine of ye whole by a part (which I allow in this instance would not be just) I should condemn the whole. The part which I have seen, in my opinion, comes too near disgracing a State which has been contending for ye dearest rights of Humanity. Virginia has acted so superiourly different, that I fear Massachusetts will only serve as a foil to augment her Lustre. — I would be understood to have particular referrence to your 3d. Article.

Mrs Drown, my Sister & Brother give their compliments to you. Billy has lately returned from a Cruise in ye Genl. Washington I write hastily, as I fear to loose the good Opportunity. Pray write soon and every good opport.y

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